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Colonel F. P. Jones, USA (Ret.)
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Dear Colonel Jones:

Many thanks for your letter and for the tape. I am enclosing a typed transcript and feel no need to edit it.

I am most grateful for the VFW's hospitality and help. Please convey my warmest thanks to Commander-in-Chief Walker and past Commander-in-Chief Stang. It was a real honor to talk to those American Veterans who still cherish, as I said, the values that have made us great and free.

All of us were grateful for the VFW's generous expression of support to the fine men and women who work in American intelligence.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters

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Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

Enclosure
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Office of Director

September 2, 1975

Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director
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Dear General Walters:

You, sir, were superb and on behalf of my new boss, "Pete" Walker, and my outgoing boss, John Stang, thank you very much, indeed, for your forthright and helpful words.

Enclosed herewith is our tape of your comments. Would you please: (a) edit as you desire; (b) have typed; and (c) send me a clear copy.

I will then give your remarks wide distribution on the Hill, and among patriotic and service organizations.

On a related matter, General Tidwell will meet with my group on 27 September. Dave Phillips will be in Chicago at a Council on Foreign Relations maneuver and suggested Tidwell hold forth in his stead.

Again, General, thanks to you from all of us. A good, strong resolution was passed by acclamation right after your remarks (see enclosed).

Best wishes,



F. P. Jones, Col., USA (Ret.), Director
National Security and Foreign Affairs

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Enclosures



WHEREAS, an America, not protected by confident, vigilans, professional internal and external intelligence services, would be the blind victim of future events and forces both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, disgruntled former employees of both the CIA and the FBI have, for whatever reasons, received inordinate attention from the adversary, cynical media, such media attention providing the necessary basis for on-going Congressional probes of the CIA and the FBI; and

WHEREAS, confidentiality and mutual trust among intelligence agents and sources is the basis for successful intelligence operations; and

WHEREAS, the foolish, indiscriminating insistence upon "the people's right to know" (except, of course, the right to know press sources) have "blown the cover" of scores of CIA and FBI agents causing incalculable loss of morale among CIA and FBI personnel both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Soviet KGB agents and resources have been poured into countries abroad -- notably Portugal -- unhampered by any consideration except the achievement of Soviet objectives; and

WHEREAS, a crippled and ineffective CIA would leave our beloved country no response to events abroad between the extremes of an ineffectual diplomatic note and military intervention; and

WHEREAS, a troubled and ineffective FBI would expose our country totally to Soviet espionage, international terrorism, and soaring crime; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the 76th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that:

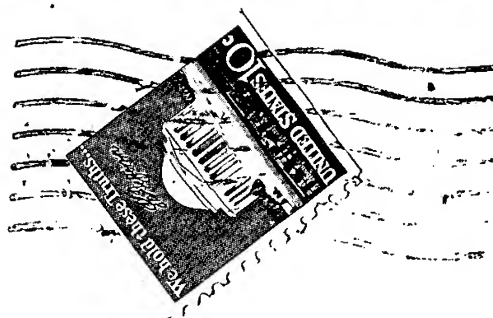
(a) the competing Congressional "circuses" investigating the CIA cease their media-conscious operations forthwith; and

(b) the budgets of both the CIA and FBI not be made public knowledge; and

(c) both these professional intelligence services be fully supported by the Administration and the Congress with any malfactors in either agency receiving such punishment as the law provides; and

(d) the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States publicly and forcefully support the CIA and the FBI, and communicate such support clearly to the President and the 94th Congress.

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